

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An electronic camera recording/playback apparatus ~~having a function of shooting operable to shoot a subject and a function of editing edit~~ shot data, ~~and~~ said electronic camera recording/playback apparatus comprising a main unit and a display unit which ~~displays~~ is operable to display at least one of a shot image ~~or and~~ an edited image, and is able positionable to take plural a plurality of attitudes with respect to the said main unit, the plurality of attitudes including:

~~wherein said display unit takes,~~

a closed attitude in which a display screen of ~~the said~~ display unit confronts ~~the a~~ side surface of ~~the said~~ main unit, and ~~the a~~ rear surface of ~~the said~~ display unit is exposed;

a shooting attitude in which ~~the said~~ display unit is released from the side surface of ~~the said~~ main unit; and

an editing attitude in which the display screen of ~~the said~~ display unit is ~~in parallel with to~~ the side surface of ~~the said~~ main unit and is exposed ~~to the outside.~~;

wherein said electronic camera recording/playback apparatus further comprises:

attitude recognition means for recognizing that said display unit is in any one of the closed attitude, the shooting attitude and the editing attitude; and

mode switching means for setting said main unit in a power-off state when said attitude recognition means recognizes that said display unit is in the closed attitude, setting said main unit in a ready-for-shooting state when said attitude recognition means recognizes that said display unit is in the shooting attitude, and setting said main unit in a ready-for-editing state when said attitude recognition means recognizes that said display unit is in the editing attitude.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 2-1, wherein:

said display unit ~~comprises~~ ~~is provided with~~ a plurality of operation buttons arranged on the periphery of the display screen; and

~~the respective~~ said plurality of operation buttons are used correspondingly to the
for operations for shooting in the shooting attitude when said display unit is in the
shooting attitude and the for operations for editing in the editing attitude when said
display unit is in the editing attitude, in the shooting attitude and the editing attitude,
respectively.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said mode switching means displays ~~the respective~~ function descriptions of the respective each of said plurality of operation buttons in each of the shooting attitude and the editing attitude, on the display screen, in positions corresponding to the respective each of said plurality of operation buttons, respectively.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 4, further including:

mounting means on which an external memory unit for holding system data of ~~another other~~ equipment is mounted;

mounting recognition means for recognizing that the external memory unit is mounted on ~~the said~~ mounting means; and

system data storage means for holding the system data stored in the external memory unit.

Claim 6 (New) An electronic camera recording/playback apparatus operable to shoot a subject and edit shot data, said electronic camera recording/playback apparatus comprising a main unit and a display unit which is operable to display at least one of a shot image and an edited image, and is positionable to a plurality attitudes with respect to said main unit, the plurality of attitudes including:

a closed attitude in which a display screen of said display unit confronts a side surface of said main unit, and a rear surface of said display unit is exposed;

a shooting attitude in which said display unit is released from the side surface of said main unit; and

an editing attitude in which the display screen of said display unit is parallel to the side surface of said main unit and is exposed;

wherein said electronic camera recording/playback apparatus further comprises:

an attitude recognition unit operable to recognize that said display unit is in any one of the closed attitude, the shooting attitude, and the editing attitude;

and

a mode switching unit operable to set said main unit in a power-off state when said attitude recognition unit recognizes that said display unit is in the closed attitude, to set said main unit in a ready-for-shooting state when said attitude recognition unit recognizes that said display unit is in the shooting attitude, and to set said main unit in a ready-for-editing state when said attitude recognition unit recognizes that said display unit is in the editing attitude.

Claim 7 (New) The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:

said display unit comprises a plurality of operation buttons arranged on the periphery of the display screen; and

said plurality of operation buttons are used correspondingly for operations for shooting in the shooting attitude when said display unit is in the shooting attitude and for operations for editing in the editing attitude when said display unit is in the editing attitude.

Claim 8 (New) The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said mode switching unit is operable to display respective function descriptions of each of said plurality of operation buttons in each of the shooting attitude and the editing attitude, on the display screen, in positions corresponding to each of said plurality operation buttons, respectively.

Claim 9 (New) The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 4, further including:

a mounting unit on which an external memory unit operable to hold system data of other equipment is mounted;

a mounting recognition unit operable to recognize that the external memory unit is mounted on said mounting unit; and

a system data storage unit operable to hold the system data stored in the external memory unit.